

year Moore joined Reggie Bryant to host an influential television show called Black Perspectives on the News on WHYY public television.

In 1975, Acel Moore and 43 other newsmen and women met in Washington to launch the National Association of Black Journalists. NABJ soon spawned a Philadelphia chapter, and many more local chapters.

A quarter century later, Acel Moore reflected, "If I had said in 1975 . . . that I thought NABJ would have the impact and import it has today, I'd be lying. There was a feeling among some people that signing their name on the list [to form NABJ] was a risk, that there would be a retaliation for doing that."

NABJ soon spawned a Philadelphia chapter, and many more local chapters. It was an advocacy group, an employment agency, a civil rights crusader. Now NABJ has 3,300 members. It has provided the example for minority journalism organizations of Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans, lesbians and gays, significantly increasing the diversity of our newsrooms, networks and the communications executive ranks. This is no small feat, and it is a tremendous service to the profession that Acel Moore loves: A newsroom or newscast must reflect the audience and the community it serves or its credibility suffers.

Acel Moore had already achieved prominence and impact by the time he and Inquirer colleague Wendell Rawls began their investigation of abuse of inmates at Farview State Hospital. Their series led to awarding of the 1977 Pulitzer Prize, journalism's most important award, for local investigative reporting—and to significant changes at the hospital itself. Typically, Acel Moore was digging hard, uncovering the truth and providing a voice for the voiceless.

I was honored to attend Acel Moore's "retirement" party in December 2005 with 250 colleagues, admirers, movers and shakers at the Moore College of Art. I put retirement in quotes because Acel wasn't truly retiring then, or in full retirement even today. He has taken up the hobby of painting. But he has never really stepped away from his day job—serving the Philadelphia community, its underprivileged and voiceless, coaxing and grooming the next generation of communicators to continue his life's work.

On the eve of this next great and greatly deserved honor, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking a great Philadelphian, Acel Moore.

PROFESSOR HARREL RECEIVES AWARD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Professor Richard Harrel of Lamar University. Professor Harrel is the recent recipient of the Maxine Johnston Distinguished Service Award. The biology professor received this award for more than four decades of research, field studies and publications that benefited the Big Thicket region. Harrel is also one of the founding members of Clean Air and Water Inc., a Beaumont-based environmental organization.

For all of his hard work, Harrel was rightfully awarded at the 35th anniversary of the Big Thicket National Preserve in October. The Second District of Texas commends Professor Harrel for his dedication to improving and preserving this dense wilderness area.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Water and Sewer Improvements, Kodiak, AK

Bill Number: H.R. 2996 Title II Environmental Protection Agency

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: City of Kodiak, P.O. Box 1397, 710 Mill Bay Rd., Kodiak, AK 99615

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: This project would replace aging sewer and waterlines in a residential area of Kodiak, and enable the City to comply with the Clean Water Act.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3548. This bill combines vital assistance to unemployed Americans and includes measures to help get our economy back on track.

Despite some significant indicators that our economy is beginning to recover, far too many people are looking for work. In my state of North Carolina, unemployment has risen to 10.8 percent, with many counties experiencing rates above 15 percent. This bill will extend unemployment insurance to provide critical assistance for these Americans who are struggling the most. Unemployment insurance would be extended for 14 additional weeks, with an extra six weeks for states like North Carolina with unemployment levels over 8.5 percent.

Other provisions in this bill are critical to creating new job opportunities and helping millions of Americans keep the jobs they have. This bill would extend the First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit through the end of April 2010 and create a new credit of \$6,500 for homeowners who have lived in their current residence for at least five years. The housing industry has been hit hard during this recession, and creating an incentive for homebuyers to rejoin the market can lessen the drag that this is creating on the economy as a whole. The extended homebuyer tax credit not only helps put American families in new

homes, but it benefits our flagging housing industry and the millions of jobs throughout this sector whether it is real estate, construction, or the building supply chain.

As a Member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, I am also proud that this bill expands the carryback of net operating losses that was included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Net Operating Loss provisions in this bill will help many businesses offset past losses and reduce their tax liability. Many American businesses are continuing to struggle in the face of our sluggish economy. The Five-Year Carryback of Net Operating Losses results in more capital for these businesses, allowing them to get healthy, contribute to the growth of our economy, and create more jobs.

I applaud the Senate for sending this timely bill back to the House for a vote, as we move forward on growing our economy and creating jobs for Americans. I support the Senate amendment to H.R. 3548, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting in favor of it.

RECOGNIZING THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am very privileged today to recognize the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport as one of the country's leading green power purchasers. Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency released a list of the top twenty local government organizations that are green power purchasers in the United States. Both the City of Dallas and the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were included in this listing. Impressively, the DFW Airport receives 18 percent of its total electricity from green power purchases, and this is equivalent to removing 7,000 vehicles from the road or powering 5,000 homes annually.

Green power purchasing is important for a variety of reasons. The Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport uses large amounts of energy, and green power purchases ensure that this energy is generated from renewable resources like solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and low-impact hydro. In turn, this leads to a reduction of green house gas emissions that will help to create a greener future for us all.

While this is a very prestigious honor, it is important to note that this is one of numerous distinctions that the airport has received in recent years. As the third busiest airport in the world, the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport offers over 1,500 flights per day and serves roughly 57 million passengers in a year. Despite its busy nature, DFW was named the "Best Airport for Customer Service in North America" by an Airports Council International survey of passengers in 2006 and 2007.

Madam Speaker, I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments that the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport has achieved, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating this airport as a leader among green power purchasing organizations.